



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE**

D.T.C. 21-4

August 31, 2021

Investigation by the Department on its own motion as to the propriety of the rates and charges set forth in the following tariffs: MDTC No. 3 and MDTC No. 5, each filed with the Department on March 1, 2021, to become effective April 1, 2021, by Taconic Telephone Corp. d/b/a Consolidated Communications

ORDER EXTENDING RATE SUSPENSION

On March 31, 2021, the Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") initiated its investigation into the propriety of the rates and charges set forth in proposed revisions to the following tariffs: MDTC No. 3 filed by Taconic Telcom Corporation d/b/a Consolidated Communications Long Distance and MDTC No. 5 filed Taconic Telephone Corporation d/b/a Consolidated Communications. In its order opening this investigation, the Department ordered that the operation of the rates and charges set forth in the tariffs be suspended and the use thereof be deferred until October 1, 2021, unless otherwise ordered by the Department. The Department's investigation is ongoing, notably, with a public hearing in this matter scheduled for September 28, 2021. It is therefore:

ORDERED: That the operation of the rates and charges set forth in the abovementioned proposed tariffs be suspended and the use thereof be deferred until February 1, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Department.

By Order of the Department,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Charles Peterson".

Karen Charles Peterson
Commissioner

RIGHT OF APPEAL

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 5, and G.L. c. 166A, § 2, an appeal as to matters of law from any final decision, order or ruling of the Department may be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk by an aggrieved party in interest by the filing of a written petition asking that the Order of the Department be modified or set aside in whole or in part. Such petition for appeal shall be filed with the Secretary of the Department within twenty (20) days after the date of service of the decision, order or ruling of the Department, or within such further time as the Department may allow upon request filed prior to the expiration of the twenty (20) days after the date of service of said decision, order or ruling. Within ten (10) days after such petition has been filed, the appealing party shall enter the appeal in the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk by filing a copy thereof with the Clerk of said Court. Appeals of Department Orders on basic service tier cable rates, associated equipment, or whether a franchising authority has acted consistently with the federal Cable Act may also be brought pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 76.944.